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PANCHAYATI RAJ DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 13th February 2006

No. 1292—RE-51/2005-P. R.— In pursuance of Section 15(i) of the NREG Act, 2005, the State Government do hereby notify that—

The Block Development Officer of the Panchayat Samiti is hereby designated as Programme Officer under Section 15(1) of the NREG Act, and is vested with such administrative and financial powers as required for smooth discharge of provisions of the Act/Rule, operational Guidelines and NREGs framed thereunder. He shall perform the functions as follows :—

1. The Programme Officer shall assist the Panchayat Samiti in discharging its functions under this Act and any Scheme made thereunder.
2. The Programme Officer shall be responsible for matching the demand for employment with the employment opportunities arising from projects in the area under his jurisdiction.
3. The Programme Officer shall prepare a plan for the Block under his jurisdiction by consolidating the project proposals prepared by the Grama Panchayats and the proposals received from intermediate Panchayats.

The functions of the Programme Officer shall also include—

- (a) monitoring of projects taken up by the Grama Panchayats and other implementing agencies within the Block.
- (b) sanctioning and ensuring payment of unemployment allowance to the eligible households.
- (c) ensuring prompt and fair payment of wages to all labourers employed under a programme of the Scheme within the Block.
- (d) ensuring that regular social audits of all works within the jurisdiction of the Grama Panchayat are carried out by the Palli Grama Sabha and that prompt action is taken on the objections raised in the social audit.
- (e) dealing promptly with all complaints that may arise in connection with the implementation of the Scheme within the Block, and
- (f) any other work as may be assigned to him by the District Programme Co-ordinator or the State Government.

4. The Programme Officers shall function under the direction, control and superintendence of the District Programme Co-ordinator.
5. The State Government may by order direct that the all or any of the functions of a Programme Officer shall be discharged by the Grama Panchayat or a local authority.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GRAMA PANCHAYATS VIS-A-VIS.

1. The Grama Panchayat shall be responsible for identification of the projects in the Grama Panchayat area to be taken up under a Scheme as per recommendations of the Palli Sabha and for executing and supervising such works.
2. A Grama Panchayat may take up any project under a scheme within the area of the Grama Panchayat as may be sanctioned by the Programme Officer.
3. Every Grama Panchayat shall, after considering the recommendations of the Grama Sabha/Palli Sabha, prepare a development plan and maintain a shelf of possible works to be taken up under the scheme as and when demand for work arises.
4. The Grama Panchayat shall forward its proposals for the development projects including the order of priority between different works to the Programme Officer for scrutiny and preliminary approval prior to the commencement of the year in which it is proposed to be executed.
5. The Programme Officer shall allot at least fifty per cent of the works in terms of its cost under a scheme to be implemented through the Grama Panchayats.
6. The Programme Officer shall supply each Grama Panchayat with (a) the muster rolls for the works sanctioned to be executed by it, and (b) a list of employment opportunities available elsewhere to the residents of the Grama Panchayats.
7. The Grama Panchayat shall allocate employment opportunities among the applicants and ask them to report for work.
8. The works taken up by a Grama Panchayat under a scheme shall meet the required technical standards and measurement.

The ABDO of the Block will be designated as Additional Programme Officer and will discharge such functions as delegated by Programme Officer and will be subject to latter's control/supervision.

ORDER—Ordered that the notification be published in the next issue of the *Orissa Gazette* and copies thereof be supplied to all Departments of Government/all H. O. Ds./all R. D. Cs./all Collectors/all P. D., DRDAs/all B. D. Os.

By order of the Governor

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